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Mr. Alan Bornt
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NONCOMPLIANCE WITH 2011 EYE GNAT NUISANCE PREVENTION PLAN

Dear Mr. Bornt:

During our discussions in drafting the 2011 Eye Gnat Nuisance Prevention Plan, you advised us that you no longer were farming Block C (see attached map). We felt that it was not feasible to install barrier crops in that area but that you could install the barrier cloth fences in the areas shown on the map, and we specified that in the Plan (attached). To date, the barrier fences have not been installed and we expect the weather to warm up and eye gnat production to increase.

We have received complaints that you have not been allowing the organic matter from the crop to dry before turning it over into the soil. During our inspection of Block A, we observed the plants from harvested crop to be turned into the soil without drying. Please remind your staff working the fields of the importance of drying the crop before turning it into the soil to prevent eye gnat breeding. We experienced success last year in reducing eye gnat breeding by applying all methods included in the Plan.

As a reminder, the Plan is in place to prevent eye gnat breeding and the true measure of this Plan is the level of eye gnats in the community adjoining your farm. Our community trapping has revealed low levels of eye gnat breeding at this time but as the weather warms up eye gnats will breed and all of these measures must be in place to protect the community.

If you have any questions or want to discuss your compliance further, contact me at (858) 505-6671.

Sincerely,

Jack Miller

Enclosure

cc: Ellen Pilsecker, Office of County Counsel, County of San Diego
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Department of Environmental Health's Web site – Jacumba Eye Gnat Project